

CLAIMS:

1. A game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport, the game comprising:

5 a scoring structure operable to accommodate a ball in a manner substantially mimicking a scoring aspect of the sport; and

a mechanism for removably coupling the scoring structure with a bottle to thereby position the scoring structure for playing.

10 2. The game as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bottle is an open glass

bottle.

15 3. The game as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bottle is a closed plastic bottle.

4. The game as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bottle is weighted with a weighting material to aid stability.

20 5. The game as set forth in claim 1, further including a shot ramp operable, in cooperation with a force applied to the ball, to launch the ball upward and toward the scoring structure.

25 6. The game as set forth in claim 1, further including a backstop having a net, wherein the backstop is operable to facilitate preventing the ball, once the ball has been launched toward the scoring structure, from traveling substantially beyond the backstop.

7. The game as set forth in claim 1, wherein the scoring structure substantially mimics an actual scoring structure used in the sport of basketball, the scoring structure comprising:

- 5            a backboard providing a surface for deflecting the ball, wherein the backboard is coupled with the bottle so as to be supported in a playing position; and
- 10            a basket coupled with the backboard and including a rim and a tubular net, wherein the rim is operable to pass the ball and the tubular net depends from the rim.

10            8. The game as set forth in claim 7, wherein the backboard includes a cardboard drink coaster.

15            9. The game as set forth in claim 7, wherein the scoring structure further includes a retaining clip operable to removably couple the backboard with the bottle.

20            10. The game as set forth in claim 7, wherein the game further includes a ball deflector piece coupled with the bottle directly below the net and operable to deflect the ball back into play.

25            11. The game as set forth in claim 10, wherein the ball deflector piece includes a cardboard drink coaster.

25            12. The game as set forth in claim 7, wherein the game further includes a circular shot ring operable to define an area wherein the ball must appear prior to entering the basket.

30            13. The game as set forth in claim 7, wherein the game further includes a shot blocking device comprising a handle coupled with a paddle and operable to block the ball from entering the basket.

14. The game as set forth in claim 13, wherein the handle of the shot blocking device includes a drinking straw.

5 15. The game as set forth in claim 7, wherein the ball is a ping pong ball.

16. The scoring structure as set forth in claim 1, wherein the scoring structure substantially mimics an actual scoring structure used in the sport of football, the scoring structure comprising:

10 a goal post oriented substantially vertically, wherein the goal post is coupled with the bottle so as to be supported in a playing position;

a crossbar oriented substantially perpendicular to the goal post, with a midpoint of the crossbar being coupled with an upper end of the goalpost; and

15 a left upright and a right upright both oriented perpendicular to the crossbar, with a lower end of each upright being coupled with a left end and a right end, respectively, of the crossbar, wherein the uprights are spaced sufficiently apart so as to allow the ball to pass therebetween.

20 17. The game as set forth in claim 16, wherein the left upright and the right upright each include a drinking straw.

25 18. The game as set forth in claim 16, wherein the spacing of the left upright and the right upright on the crossbar is variable.

19. The game as set forth in claim 16, wherein the scoring structure further includes a retaining clip operable to removably couple the goal post with the bottle.

20. The game as set forth in claim 16, wherein the game further includes a kicking tee operable to support the ball in a playing position.

5        21. The game as set forth in claim 20, wherein the kicking tee is operable to

removably affix to a playing surface.

22. The game as set forth in claim 16, wherein the game further includes a kicking device operable to transfer a force to the ball.



23. A game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport of basketball, the game comprising:

a scoring structure operable to couple with a bottle and to thereby be positioned for playing, the scoring structure being further operable to accommodate a ball in a manner substantially mimicking a scoring aspect of basketball,  
5 the scoring structure including -

a backboard providing a surface for deflecting the ball,  
a retaining clip for coupling the backboard with the bottle so as to position the backboard in a playing position, and

10 a basket coupled with the backboard and including a rim and a tubular net, wherein the rim is operable to pass the ball and the tubular net depends from the rim;

a ball deflector piece coupled with the bottle directly below the net and operable to deflect the ball back into play;

15 a circular shot ring operable to define an area wherein the ball must appear prior to entering the basket; and

a shot blocking device comprising a handle and a paddle and operable to block the ball from entering the basket.

20 24. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the bottle is an open glass bottle.

25 25. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the bottle is a closed plastic bottle.

26. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the bottle is weighted with a weighting material to aid stability.

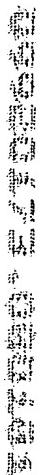
30 27. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the backboard includes a cardboard drink coaster.

28. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the ball deflector piece includes a cardboard drink coaster.

5 29. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the handle of the shot blocking device includes a drinking straw.

30. The game as set forth in claim 23, wherein the ball is a ping pong ball.

10 31. The game as set forth in claim 23, further including a shot ramp operable, in cooperation with a force applied to the ball, to launch the ball upward and toward the scoring structure.



32. A game that substantially mimics an aspect of a sport of football, the game comprising:
- 5           a scoring structure operable to couple with a bottle and to thereby be positioned for playing, the scoring structure being further operable to accommodate a ball in a manner substantially mimicking a scoring aspect of football, the scoring structure including -
- 10           a goal post oriented substantially vertically, wherein the goal post is coupled with the bottle so as to be supported in a playing position,
- 15           a crossbar oriented substantially perpendicular to the goal post, with a midpoint of the crossbar being coupled with an upper end of the goalpost, and
- 20           a left upright and a right upright both oriented perpendicular to the crossbar, with a lower end of each upright being coupled with a left end and a right end, respectively, of the crossbar, wherein the uprights are spaced sufficiently apart so as to allow the ball to pass therebetween;
- 25           a kicking tee operable to support the ball in a playing position; and  
              a kicking device operable to transfer a force to the ball.
33. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the bottle is an open glass bottle.
- 25           34. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the bottle is a closed plastic bottle.
35. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the bottle is weighted with a weighting material to aid stability.

36. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the kicking tee is operable to removably affix to a playing surface.

5 37. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the left upright and the right

upright each include a drinking straw.

38. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the spacing of the left upright and the right upright on the crossbar is variable.

10 39. The game as set forth in claim 32, wherein the scoring structure further includes a retaining clip operable to removably couple the goal post with the bottle.

15 40. The game as set forth in claim 32, further including a backstop having a net, wherein the backstop is operable to facilitate preventing the ball, once the ball has been launched toward the scoring structure, from traveling substantially beyond the backstop.

20 41. The game as set forth in claim 40, wherein the two rods are each supported by a respective bottle.